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FOLLOWING REPEAT BAMAKO 1264 SENT SECSTATE ABIDJAN DAKAR
DATED APRIL 3.

QUOTE

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SUBJ: MALI FUMIGATION CAMPAIGN

REFS: (A) BAMAKO 1133

(B) ROME 4615

1. OSRO REP CONWAY, RFFPO MOORE, FFPO ROUSSEL AND GOM
OFFICIALS RETURNED FROM VISIT TO 6TH REGION MAR 23.
CONWAY REPORTS WELL ENTRENCHED ENDEMIC INFESTATION
PROBLEMS IN 6TH REGION, BUT CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL
WAREHOUSES THIS REGION FROM LOCAL MATERIALS OFFERS
POSSIBILITIES OF FUMIGATIONS WITHOUT SHEETS. SUGGESTS
DONORS CONCENTRATE ON FINANCING SIMILAR WAREHOUSES USING
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LOCAL MATERIALS, THUS ELIMINATING NEED TO CARRY OUT

EXPENSIVE FUMIGATIONS USING BAMAKO-BASED FIRMS.

2. MOORE, CONWAY, CDO LEVIN AND ASST. FFPO KOWALCZYK VISITED 1ST REGION MAR 24. CONWAY STATES SITUATION VERY SERIOUS FOR 50 TO 60 PER CENT OF STOCKS. SPECIES NOTED CONFIRM FEARS THAT CHRONIC INFESTATION PROBLEMS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED FROM DAKAR. KHAPRA BEETLE, (TROBODERMA GRANARIUM) PARTICULARLY PREVALENT. TO AVOID FURTHER HEAVY LOSSES IN FUTURE IMPORT PROGRAMS, IT ESSENTIAL KAYES AND OTHER MAJOR RECEPTION POINTS HAVE CEREALS FUMIGATED BEFORE FORWARDING FURTHER IN-COUNTRY.

3. OPAM DIRECTOR HAS GIVEN ORDERS FOR PRELIMINARY WORK PRIOR TO FUMIGATIONS IN SIKASSO. SIMILAR ORDERS FOR SEGOU ASKED BY CONWAY. CONWAY EXPECTS RETURN TO MALI APRIL 4 TO CONTINUE FUMIGATIONS.

4. COULIBALY NOT RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTION TO STOCK GRAIN IN DAKAR AND LAOLACK WHILE TREATING INSECT PROBLEM IN MALI. FEARS POSSIBLE INSECT INFESTATION WOULD BE WORSE IN SENEGAL THAN MALI. OPAM PLANS TO STORE ADDITIONAL 20,000 TONS CEREALS IN RENOVATED WAREHOUSES TEMPORARILY RENTED IN BAMAKO FOR EMERGENCY, AND ARE IN PROCESS OF ARRANGING RENTAL OF ADDITIONAL 10,000 TONS FOR BAMAKO. OPAM STATE THEY WILL HAVE EXTRA 17,000 TONS RENTED STORAGE IN SAN, 4,000 TONS IN MOPTI AND 3,000 TONS IN GAO.

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